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## **Agriculture is Essential**

The term 'essential' has been tossed around quite a lot in the last year. It usually refers to nurses, doctors, grocery workers and other people who have had to physically be at work during Covid-19. There is, however, one group of people who are often overlooked and undervalued: farmers.

I was honored to receive an award from the Dairy Business Association of Wisconsin for my strong support of dairy initiatives during the 2019-2020 legislative session. I introduced bills for farmers to help pay for their medical insurance, grants for schools to have milk dispensers, a resolution to allow school milk choice and supported many other bills like the truth in labeling.

While I will always be supportive of anything that helps our farmers and I am glad to have won this award, we should be thanking and celebrating the people who actually do the hard work in the barns and fields. Without them our families and economy would be in much worse shape.

There has never been a more important time than now to support our farmers, buy local, drink dairy and encourage our young people to study agriculture and continue their family farms. We have to keep our strong traditions of being self-sufficient and continue our heritage of dairy farmers.

I welcome farmers of all kinds to share their stories and ideas as to how we can help them through not only this difficult time but to allow them to flourish into the future.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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